





## News Release

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## City, County & Fort Detrick to Sponsor September 11 Tribute to Commemorate 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 Tragedies

FREDERICK, MD – In commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, The City of Frederick, Frederick County Government and Fort Detrick will jointly sponsor a September 11 Tribute at <u>noon on Friday, September 9</u>. The ceremony will take place in the first floor hearing room of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md.

Chief Chip Jewell, III, Division of Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services, will serve as emcee.

The program includes the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Services and the Frederick Police Department Honor Guards; invocation by Chaplain Michael Jeffries, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Detrick; "We Will Never Forget" by Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner; "Remembering Our Nation's Heroes" by Major General Barbara Holcomb, Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick; "15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reflections of 9/11" by Mayor Randy McClement, The City of Frederick, and reading of the "Patriot Day" proclamation.

The Frederick Catoctones Barbershop Quartet will sing the national anthem during the ceremony and patriotic selections outside Winchester Hall as guests depart and church bells ring. The program also includes a performance by Sherry Watkins and Nancy Wallace of "Stand Up America," a song the two recorded and sang at the candlelight vigil in Baker Park a year after the terrorist attacks.

The public, media, employees and military personnel of the three organizations are invited to attend the ceremony to remember the heroes who responded to attacks on the World Trade Center towers in New York City and on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., as well as those whose lives were lost in a plane crash in Western Pennsylvania to avert another attack.

The tribute will also be broadcast on FCG TV, cable channel 19, and webcast at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/video. The city will rebroadcast the ceremony on cable channel 99.

Citizens are encouraged to submit their memories, reflections and heartfelt appreciation to the heroes who gave their lives in the line of duty on September 11, 2001, on the Facebook page titled, "September 11 Tribute – Frederick County, MD."